GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to increase/upgrade India`s representation in various Latin American countries;and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. India currently has thirteen resident diplomatic missions and one Consulate General in the Latin American & Caribbean region.

The mission in Colombia was re-opened in 1994 and an Ambassador was appointed. In 1995, a Consulate General was opened in Sao Paulo (Brazil).To provide an impetus to trade promotion in the region, the India Trade Promotion Organisation has recently opened an office in Sao Paulo (Brazil).